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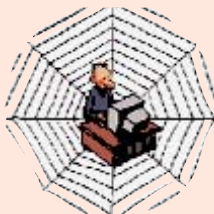
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A-76 announcement today Support services for Keesler at stake

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Today, a tentative decision is announced about who provides Keesler's support services in the future.

Originally scheduled for Aug. 1, the announcement was postponed to allow Air Staff more time to review the

documentation to select the contractor who competed against the government's "most efficient organization" proposal.

So, at 9:30 a.m. today at Welch Auditorium, the base learns whether the provider is the MEO or a contractor.

Because of limited seating, the meeting is intended for the

units directly affected by the outcome — 81st Supply, Civil Engineer and Communications Squadrons, 81st Services Division, weather station and 81st Mission Support Squadron flights included in the study.

Shuttle buses run from Sablich Center's west parking

lot and the 81st CES building to the auditorium at 8:45 and 9:05 a.m. and return following the meeting. Loading begins at 8:30, and people are encouraged to take the earlier shuttle.

Today's announcement

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General Looney speaks to members of the Keesler Honor Guard during one of the stops on his tour of the base. During an interview, the general addressed such issues as A-76 competitive sourcing, housing privatization, pre-deployment training, taking care of people and safety.

Photo by Kemberly Groue

AETC's new leader in touch with concerns

By 1st Lt. Lisa Ferguson

Keesler Public Affairs

A whirlwind visit is what Gen. William Looney III made to Keesler last week.

Keesler was the first base on the new commander of Air Education and Training Command's tour of his bases. The general visited the 81st Security Forces Squadron, honor guard, permanent-party and student dorms and training facilities.

General Looney, who assumed com-

mand of AETC in June, promised he'd be back in a few months to learn more about the training mission here.

An interview for this article revealed the general is in touch with personnel concerns, including A-76 competitive sourcing and housing privatization.

"Get it right the first time," he said of the delayed A-76 announcement. "The approving official had no problems with the recommendation, but there was a concern with some of the documentation. He wanted to make sure we had all the i's

dotted and t's crossed, and I agree with that fully."

The new date for the A-76 announcement is today, according to the general (see related story on this page).

Another concern among personnel at Keesler is housing privatization. Air Force officials are set to talk with real estate developers interested in investing in military housing projects Tuesday in New York City.

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COMMENTARY

There are people out there who genuinely care about us

By Tech. Sgt. Tony Moon

336th Training Squadron

Life becomes so routine we get into everyday customs and forget why we do our job or what it is we stand for.

One routine for me was an optometry appointment for my 4-year-old daughter, Caroline, several weeks ago. She has a lazy eye that requires a thick lens and many appointments to go with it.

During probably our fourth appointment, she asked me, "Daddy can we go to the crab restaurant for lunch?" She was referring to Red Lobster on Highway 90 in Gulfport. Our student load is very low right now and I wasn't teaching that day, so I agreed we could go there.

Lunch was very typical — my youngest daughter, Tessa, 2, was naturally wound up and creating havoc for us, the people in the booth next to us and the restaurant staff. She ran from table to table with my battle dress uniform cap on her head. People would look at her, then smile at my wife and me.

I wasn't sure what message they were conveying — "Control your daughter" or "She's really cute" — so I just smiled back and wondered what they thought of this Air Force member and his family.

As I tried to calm Tessa down for the umpteenth time, a waitress from another table approached ours. "Oh no," I thought, "what did Tessa do now?"

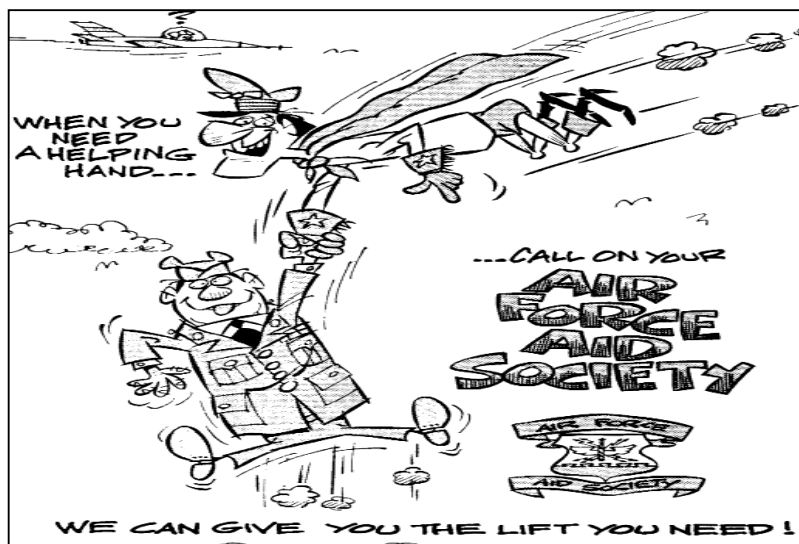
I was surprised and touched when the waitress said, "Don't worry about your ticket; it's been taken care of." At first, I didn't know what to say as I looked across the table at my wife and daughter. Then I asked the waitress to point out the person responsible for this act of kindness. She pointed in the direction of a man sitting alone at a booth. He never made eye contact with me.

When he left his booth, I caught up to him and put my hand on his shoulder. As he turned around, I extended my hand in his direction. He smiled while I thanked him and explained that no one had ever done that before.

He shook my hand firmly and glanced at my family. He said with great pride in his voice that his father was a veteran and that he appreciates what military families do for our country. He told me his family named their company "Veterans Oil" in honor of those who serve.

Our paths may never cross again as he was passing through on his way to Florida, but I'll never forget him. What he did came at a time when I needed to feel appreciated professionally. He never asked about my job or whether I'd been deployed. He just wanted to show there are people out there who genuinely care about us, the freedom we provide and the sacrifices our families make.

Knowing this, I've decided Tessa can run around in my BDU cap anytime she wants.



ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. William Lord

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

Shorter shifts for guards?

Comment — Guards are working 12-hour shifts. In this heat, is that wise and prudent?

I'm concerned about several of them I've seen in the afternoon.

Response — Duty schedule options are limited due to manning constraints resulting from continuing support of air expeditionary force rotations and the war on terrorism.

Even with the support of Air Force Reserve personnel, we're unable to schedule eight-hour shifts.

Actually, our troops indicate they prefer the current schedule. The flights also take good care of themselves, ensuring people get regular breaks and meals.

The duty isn't easy, but our people are doing fine.

I've been soaked – twice

Comment — The drain to my home flooded and the carpet got soaked.

I called housing and was told it's my responsibility to take care of the carpet. I called legal and they said to get something in writing from housing stating why they wouldn't shampoo the carpet. Housing refuses to do this.

Response — Housing officials didn't research the situation sufficiently prior to their response.

Once they understood what's required, they provided you with a copy of the work order enabling you to file the appropriate claim with the legal office.

Suddenly, she needs a pass

Comment — My wife came out to Keesler to visit my mother at the medical center.

Although our car has the proper stickers, she was told she had to go to the visitor center for a pass. In the past, she's been admitted without any problem by simply showing her driver's license.

I contacted the 81st Security Forces Squadron about this and was told the policy varies from time to time. How can people be expected to follow the rules if they're inconsistent?

Response — We apologize for any confusion caused by this particular incident.

Your wife should never have been allowed to enter the base without valid military or civilian employee identification.

Our policies for control of personnel and vehicles entering the base are quite specific in nature and spelled out in our Installation Security Instruction, Installation Security Plan and other Air Force and Air Education and Training Command directives.

The good news is, this incident identified your wife as being eligible for an authorized identification card for base entry purposes only. She can obtain the card at the pass and identification office in Sablich Center.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION



A herd of Bulls supporters turned out for Friday's drill down.



Airman 1st Class Shahoni Ryan kneels while Airman Basic Andrew Beck throws his rifle during the freestyle performance by the 338th TRS Dark Knights.

Bulls beef up drill down domination



Photos by Kimberly Groue

Airman Andrew Lower, 334th TRS, pauses beneath crossed rifles during the Gators' freestyle routine.

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

The 335th Training Squadron Bulls claimed overall honors for the third time at the 81st Training Group's fourth drill down of the season Friday.

The Bulls also came in first in open ranks and regulation drill and second in freestyle drill.

The 334th TRS Gators earned first place in freestyle drill and second place overall and in regulation drill after failing to place in June's competition.

The 332nd TRS Mad Dogs, who won the season's first competition in February to begin defense of their 2003 and 2004 annual titles, placed third overall and in each of the competition categories.

The 336th TRS Red Wolves came in second in open ranks drill.

Airman 1st Class Jonathan Zimmerman serves as the Bulls' freestyle commander and drill master. Airman 1st Class Jarad Guerrero-Salinas is the team's regulation commander and drill instructor.

Other team members are Airmen Basic Toni Bajkowski, Michael Gottschalk, Sean Kirkpatrick, Aisha Pepen, James Spears and Charles Sullivan; Airmen Dale Cain and Cara Carrothers; and Airmen 1st Class Christopher Bieber, Casey Fletcher, Deborah Johnson, Gilberto Martinez, Zachariah Ritsema and Michael Wendland.

Staff Sgt. Beau Nelson is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the team.

The next drill down is 7 a.m. Oct. 7 on the parade field behind the Levittow Training Support Facility.



Airman Basic Sean Kilpatrick, 335th TRS, waits for his team's turn to enter the drill pad.

Cable cutting



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Senior Airman Joshua Cartwright, left, and Staff Sgt. Gary Pinkerton, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron, demonstrate use of a fiber optic fusion splicer to Capt. Rob Cuellar, Geilenkirchen Air Base, Germany; Steven Lewis, Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., and Capt. Michael Evon, Schriever AFB, Colo. The visit to the 85th EIS is part of the 333rd Training Squadron's communication battlespace manager's course.

Beating the heat



Photo by Kemberly Groue

The 336th Training Squadron's students and military training leaders hit the Triangle Pool for a party Friday night to escape south Mississippi's sweltering summer heat and humidity. Pizza and frozen drinks rounded out the get-together.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Tulane visit

A representative from University College of Tulane, Mississippi Coast Campus, is available, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the first floor main hallway in Sablich Center.

Tulane offers a 50 percent tuition discount to military members and their dependents.

For more information, call Elliott Voivedich, 388-5769.

Special tuition rate

William Carey College offers active-duty personnel, their family members, guardsmen and reservists, retirees and Defense Department civilians a special tuition rate.

The rate is \$130 per semester hour for undergraduate courses taken at Keesler and 18 semester hours at the same rate for courses taken on the Gulfport campus.

Up to 64 hours may be transferred from community colleges, including the Community College of the Air Force.

Four terms are offered each year with most classes meeting one night a week.

For more information, call Amanda Craft, 377-0090, or visit Room 219, Sablich Center.

MGCCC fall term

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler Center's fall term is Aug. 29-Nov. 11.

Web registration for currently enrolled students is available. Registration by appointment is under way in Room 221, Sablich Center, for active duty.

Students taking English Composition I, oral communication or mathematics for the first time are required to have an assessment of skills.

For more information, call 377-2287.

CCAF deadline

Aug. 25 is the deadline to apply for the Community College of the Air Force's fall graduating class.

By that date, all supporting documentation must be on file at CCAF at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., including nomination action requests from education services office counselors.

For an appointment, call 377-2323 or 2171, or visit the education services office, Room 224, Sablich Center.

Degree program

A Southern Illinois University representative is available, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 31 in the main hallway of Sablich Center.

SIU offers a bachelor of science degree in workforce education and development. Classes are offered at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Fla., on alternating weekends.

For more information, call SIU, 1-850-458-6263 or visit <http://wed.siu.edu/public/> and link to "off campus degree program."

Physical therapy class

Applications are accepted through Nov. 25 at the Air Force Personnel Center for the doctor of physical therapy program.

The class begins Dec. 17 at the Health Sciences Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Ravin McCray, 377-9630.

NEWS AND FEATURES

Raising the barriers



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Contractors Mark Still, left, and Jason Davis complete installation of four anti-terrorism barriers on Larcher Boulevard just north of the White Avenue Gate Aug. 11. Installation of these gates and four others at the Meadows Drive Gate were completed ahead of schedule. Each barrier costs about \$70,000. They can be activated by remote control by gate guards in less than three seconds and pop up to a height of more than 3 feet. Similar barricades are being installed at all 13 Air Education and Training Command bases.

IDEA nets retiree \$10,000

By Senior Airman
Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

A retired Keesler technical sergeant was recently awarded the maximum amount for a suggestion he made to the Air Force's Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program.

William Higdon, assigned to the 333rd Training Squadron until his retirement last year, received his \$9,800 cash reward Aug. 8. He had already received \$200 for his suggestion in 2003.

Mr. Higdon recommended the use of electronic student manuals, dubbed eBooks, for a squadron officer school course taught at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

"What I did was take the students manuals from some of our courses and convert them to electronic books,"



Mr. Higdon

Mr. Higdon explained. "This enabled us to save on the cost of paper and provide instant updates and corrections to the text. It also allowed us to

store over 500,000 pages of text on one book."

His IDEA was originally submitted in July 1999, but at that time, an idea had to be implemented before an award was paid.

In 2002, the IDEA was approved, but funding wasn't available, so the amount of savings couldn't be calculated.

In August 2004, Maxwell received approval for a Productivity Investment Funds project to purchase the eBooks for the course.

Using the PIF figures, Mr. Higdon saved the Air Force \$160,000 in printing costs the first year alone.

Mr. Higdon is currently employed by Miltec Systems Company as the test director for security certification and accreditation for ground-based missile defense for the Missile Defense Agency, Huntsville, Ala.

IN THE NEWS

Jumper retires, Moseley steps up

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper retires after 39 years of service at a Sept. 2 ceremony at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Gen. T. Michael Moseley, the Air Force's vice chief of staff, will be sworn in as the 18th Air Force chief of staff.

Local Civil Air Patrol honored

Keesler's Col. Bertha A. Edge Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol was recently named Outstanding Squadron of the Year at the Mississippi Wing's annual conference in Meridian, Miss.

The Keesler unit, the largest CAP squadron in the state, has 50 cadets and 32 senior members.

CAP Maj. Richard Griffith, a captain in the 81st Medical Support Squadron, received the Exceptional Service Award from CAP's regional headquarters and was named the wing staff member of the year. He directs cadet programs for the Keesler unit.

CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander of the Biloxi unit, received the Meritorious Service Award.

Parking lot closed

The parking lot on the southeast side of the NCO Academy is closed all day on Sept. 7 for drill evaluations. In the event of inclement weather, the lot will be open.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Frank Dominguez, 377-2740.

Walk recalls 9/11 victims

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The first "America Supports You" Freedom Walk honoring the victims of Sept. 11, 2001, and America's service members is 10 a.m. Sept. 11 in Washington.

The walk begins in the Pentagon's south parking lot near the site where the airliner crashed into the Pentagon. The two-mile route winds through Arlington National Cemetery, over the Potomac River and ends by the reflecting pool on the National Mall with a free concert featuring country music star Clint Black.

The Pentagon Memorial Fund holds a private ceremony for families of the 9/11 victims before the walk.

"America Supports You" is a nationwide program launched by the Defense Department that highlights how Americans across the country are supporting the men and women of the armed forces.

To register, visit <http://www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil> and click on the Freedom Walk icon.

Air show, open house Nov. 5

Nov. 5 is Keesler's air show and open house.

Flying demonstrations, static displays and ground attractions are planned.

Early Keesler News deadline

The deadline for submission to the Sept. 8 issue of the Keesler News is noon Sept. 1, four days earlier than usual, due to the Labor Day federal holiday Sept. 5.

The Keesler News office is closed Sept. 5 in observance of the holiday.

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comes after more than five years of extensive research, planning and proposals in the A-76 competitive sourcing process. It impacts about 740 civilian and military positions.

The actual cost comparison took place Tuesday at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. Phil Ehemann, chief of the 81st TRW's manpower and organization flight, serves as the certifying official.

Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander, is joined by Keesler and Air Education and Training Command competitive sourcing and Air Force Personnel Center officials for today's briefing.

Earlier this morning, the general notifies Mississippi Gulf Coast congressional staffers and signs a memo informing the president of the American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670 of the decision.

Following the announcement, AETC and Keesler personnel officials discuss the phases of the implementation

process. They remain after the meeting to answer questions.

At 2 p.m. at the Keesler Community Center, AFPC and Keesler officials meet with military members affected by the study.

Follow-up unit briefings are planned for civilians.

Today's announcement can follow four possible scenarios, according to Linda Clower, Keesler's competitive sourcing chief.

There are two separate base operating support packages, commonly referred to as "Big BOS" and "Little BOS." Big BOS covers most support tasks. Little BOS covers communications functions and is set aside for small business bidders.

Both packages could be awarded to the MEO or contractors or they could be split.

"Following the announcement, the government cost estimate and all supporting documentation, including the management plan, will be available for public review," Ms. Clower said. "The documents will be posted in the A-76 technical library which can be accessed through the Keesler Web page."



Photo by Kemberly Groue

General Looney emphasizes a point during an interview before leaving Keesler.

Looney,

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General Looney believes housing privatization is a good thing.

"We will get the quality of housing our people so richly deserve," he said. "The government just doesn't have the

resources to get the job done as quickly as it needs to be done. It's a win-win situation for contractors to have guaranteed source of income and profit, and we have improved quality housing that is current, modern and state-of-the-art."

Taking care of people and ensuring they're well-trained

and prepared are also priorities for the AETC commander, including the hands-on training received from the five-day pre-deployment training held quarterly.

"Certainly all of us now are part of the mobility requirements, and this training prepares everyone for the challenges faced while deployed," General Looney said. "People find it worthwhile and that it meets the needs they have before they deploy."

Since taking care of people is so important, the general had a message for everyone regarding the last few weeks of the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

"Use good common sense," he said. "If you're going to ride a motorcycle, wear a helmet. If you're going to party, have arrangements for getting home safely, and if you're traveling, don't attempt to drive across the country on a three-day weekend. We want everyone to enjoy themselves and get back safely."

All in all, General Looney said he was very impressed with Keesler, adding it's not the base itself that impressed him the most.

"I'm most impressed with the people," he said. "I'm so proud to be a part of a command that is full of dedicated, hard-working people committed to their people and the mission."

PERSONNEL NOTES

Editor's note: This column is a service of the the Keesler News. Contributors include the Air Force Personnel Center, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, and the 81st Mission Support Squadron's military and civilian personnel flights.

Air Force seeks applicants for IAS

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Air Force officials are looking to develop a cadre of officers with international insight, foreign language proficiency and cultural understanding to work in today's security and expeditionary operations environment.

The Air Force selects officers at the mid-career point, normally seven to 12 years, and deliberately develops and uses them in demanding international/political-military assignments as international affairs specialists.

Officers are nominated by their development team for an IAS secondary career path and receive formal training and education with follow-on assignments on one of two development paths.

Path 1, the political-military affairs strategist, offers a well-managed career broadening opportunity to gain international experience.

Path 2, the regional affairs strategist, places officers on a more demanding developmental opportunity with multiple IAS assignments. Officers on this path develop into regional experts with professional language skills.

For more information, log onto the IAS Web site on the Air Force Portal at <http://www.my.af.mil/iaw>. For more qualifications or eligibility information, contact appropriate assignments/development team or the IAS assignments team at the Air Force Personnel Center, DSN 665-4071 or 1-210-565-4071.

Sexual harassment hotline

The Air Force wants military and civilian employees to remain aware of the service's sexual harassment hotline.

The Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, operates the hotline to receive sexual harassment and other forms of discrimination inquiries. The numbers are 1-800-558-1404, DSN 665-2949, or commercial 1-210-565-2949.

An AFPC call center representative answers each call to the hotline. Callers with a sexual harassment or discrimination concern are forwarded to a qualified military equal opportunity counselor.

Counselors ensure callers understand the avenues available to them and complaints are channeled to the proper authority. Counselors take calls during normal duty hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CDT.

After normal duty hours, voice mail is available to leave messages for emergencies.

For assistance at Keesler, military members call 377-2759 and civilian employees call 377-2975.

Officer promotion orders

Air Force Personnel Center no longer transmits officer promotion orders to military personnel flights for distribution to officers due to the "Quick Win" initiative to reduce MPF workloads.

Officer promotion orders are distributed prior to the effective date of promotion, therefore the new policy doesn't affect receipt of promotion orders or the ceremony.

For more information, call 377-3895, or e-mail lashawndra.singleton@keesler.af.mil.

One-stop pay, personnel service

One-stop customer service for pay and personnel information is available all day, every day by calling toll-free 1-800-616-3775 or online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst/>.

5 Airmen receive Articles 15 for alcohol-related offenses

Legal office and Keesler News staff

Five Airmen assigned at Keesler received Articles 15 for alcohol-related offenses in July.

An airman in the 81st Medical Support Squadron was reduced to airman basic for being incapacitated for proper performance of duties by overindulgence in alcohol. The suspension of a previous reduction from airman first class to airman basic for several alcohol-related offenses was revoked.

An airman first class in the 338th Training Squadron was reduced to airman basic and ordered to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking.

An airman first class in Detachment 2 of the 336th TRS at Fort Meade, Md., was reduced to airman, forfeited \$323 was restricted to Fort Meade for 14 days and reprimanded for disrespect to a superior noncommissioned officer, and two instances of willful disobedience of lawful orders issued by superior noncommissioned officers, all related to providing alcohol to minors possessing or consum-



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ing alcohol in the dormitory area, assaulting a fellow Airman and being drunk and disorderly. The reduction in rank was suspended pending successful completion of the suspension.

Another airman first class in Det. 2 of the 336th TRS at Fort Meade was reprimanded and forfeited \$288 pay for providing alcohol to minors.

An airman first class in the 81st Civil Engineering Squadron was reduced to airman basic and ordered to correctional custody for 30 days for underage drinking. The reduction in rank was suspended pending successful completion of the suspension.

Ted Jordan, legal office, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

7 Airmen facing charges of driving under influence

81st Security Forces Squadron and Keesler News staff

Seven Airmen at Keesler were charged with driving under the influence in July, according to 81st Security Forces Squadron records.

Four of those charged are students and three are permanent-party members.

For the year to date, 44 people have been charged with DUI. Two student Airmen and one civilian were charged with underage drinking in July, 81st SFS officials said.

There have been 17 incidents of underage drinking so far this year.

Tech. Sgt. James Kirk, 81st SFS, and Perry Jenifer, Keesler News editor, contributed to this report.

Drink responsibly. Have a plan.

If your plan goes bad, call

Airmen Against Drunk Driving, 547-1534.

Seat belts, awareness can help avoid rollover accidents

By Staff Sgt. Allen Puckett

30th Space Wing Public Affairs

VANDENBERG Air Force Base, Calif. — Vehicle rollovers comprised 3 percent of nearly 11 million reported traffic accidents in 2002, yet accounted for 33 percent of highway fatalities that year, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

The danger of rollover accidents is well known here.

Since January 2004, the 30th Space Wing's safety office has investigated seven vehicle rollovers involving its people.

"Fortunately, none resulted in fatalities," said Donnell Brown of the safety office here.

The base is situated within the hilly countryside of central California. Being near the ocean with steep embankments and without guardrails makes the roads especially susceptible

to accidents, safety officials said.

"Students, permanent party Airmen, a reservist and a civilian contractor have all been involved in vehicle rollovers the past 15 months, proving rollovers don't discriminate," said Master Sgt. Marie George of the safety office.

Understanding what rollovers are and how to avoid them reduces the risk of becoming a statistic.

Rollover accidents involve driver, road, vehicle and environmental factors, Mr. Brown said.

"Poor driver judgment, including distraction, inattentiveness, speeding and impairment can lead to fatal consequences," Sergeant George said. "Speed, inattentiveness and weather contributed to the rollover accidents involving members here."

Talking on a cell phone, eating or tending to children in the back seat takes a driver's full attention away

from the road, decreases response time and increases likelihood of losing control of a vehicle, she said.

Statistics show the odds of surviving an accident improve significantly with seat belt use.

The transportation safety administration reported 10,000 people died in rollover crashes in 2002.

Seventy-two percent weren't wearing seat belts. All people here involved in rollover accidents since January 2004 wore seatbelts and survived.

As speed increases, so do fatalities. Forty percent of fatal rollover accidents reported to the transportation safety administration in 2002 involved excessive speed, and 75 percent of those incidents occurred where the posted speed limit was 55 mph or greater.

Using controlled substances wisely and not driving while impaired also helps prevent accidents.

Many prescription drugs warn against operating heavy machinery or driving while medicated.

Safety administration officials advise any blood alcohol concentration level above .00 negatively affects judgment, coordination and vision.

Almost 85 percent of fatal rollover crashes are single-vehicle accidents.

All seven rollovers reported to the safety office here in the past 15 months involved one vehicle.

Vehicle types also factor into risk of rollover incidents. Tall, narrow sport utility vehicles, vans and pickup trucks with a high center of gravity are more likely to be involved in a rollover accident, according to safety administration data.

Most vehicles involved in a rollover accident run off the road, slide sideways and are tripped when tires sink into soft soil or run up a curb or guardrail.

Federal long-term care insurance still available

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — Active-duty Airmen, some reservists, appropriated-fund civilian employees, retirees and qualified family members can still apply for the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program.

The program can help federal employees defray the costs of in-home care, nursing home care, or assisted living facilities for people no longer able to perform normal daily activities because of chronic health conditions.

"Long-term care insurance isn't just for old age — nearly 40 percent of people needing long-term care are under age 65," said Janet Thomas, human resources specialist at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "Health

insurance will cover hospitalization and medical care, but not necessarily long-term care. The Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program provides protection from the potentially high cost of long-term care."

The program is sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management and provides affordable group premiums and comprehensive benefits. It is the largest program in the nation, Ms. Thomas said.

The plans available are:

Facilities-only: This covers all levels of nursing home, assisted living facility and inpatient hospice care.

Comprehensive: This covers everything the facilities-only plan covers, plus care provided at home by a nurse, home health aide, therapist, informal

caregiver or other authorized provider. Costs of adult day care centers and home hospices are covered as well.

Those eligible for the program include:

Federal employees and annuitants.

Separated federal employees with title to a deferred annuity.

Active and retired service members.

Active members of the Selected Reserve.

Retired "grey" reservists, even if they aren't receiving retirement pay.

The current spouse of an eligible person.

Adult children of living eligible people.

Parents, parents-in-law and step-parents of living eligible people.

Surviving spouses receiving a survivor annuity.

Those receiving compensation from the Department of Labor.

Premiums are based on an applicant's age, so the sooner people apply, the smaller premium they pay, Ms. Thomas said.

Once enrolled, coverage won't be canceled as long as premiums are paid on time, and coverage can't be canceled because of age or a change in health.

For more information, call 1-800-582-3337 or TTY 1-800-843-3557. Representatives are available 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. EDT weekdays. People can also go to the program's Web site at <http://www.ltcfeds.com>.

New beginning

Lt. Col. Paul Farkas, left, 85th Engineering Installation Squadron commander, is shown equipment by Staff Sgt. Christopher Myrick, Aug. 10. Colonel Farkas took command of the 738th EIS from Lt. Col. Phillip Baka during a ceremony July 28. Immediately after the change of command ceremony, the 738th EIS became the 85th EIS. Colonel Farkas previously was chief of communications and information, Air Force Combat Support Office at the Pentagon. Colonel Baka, the commander of the 738th EIS for two years, headed to Scott Air Force Base, Ill., and is working as part of the Air Mobility Command's air mobility and communications team.

Photo by Kemberly Groue



BRAC strives to right-size forces at right bases

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The co-chairman of the Air Force's base closure executive group recently discussed the views the Air Force took when considering the Base Realignment and Closure recommendations.

"We have to base our future Air Force on a smaller but more capable force, and organize that force in the most effective way," said Maj. Gen. Gary Heckman, assistant deputy chief of Air Force Plans and Programs. "If all the BRAC recommendations are approved, the big thing we accomplish is we get the right force structure, the right sizes for effectiveness, at the best combination of bases."

Three aspects of transformation influence BRAC — technological, organizational and operational.

"We find that when we reset the force to optimum sizes, it not only creates efficiencies, but it also makes our improved technologies and (concept of operations) more effective," the general said.

"Previous BRACs have tended to focus on active infrastructure," he said. "Over the first four rounds of BRAC, we closed 25 active-duty bases, three Reserve bases and one Guard installation."

How does the Air Force reset the force? For fighter aircraft, General Heckman said 24 aircraft has been found to be the optimum number in a squadron.

"We know historically, and from senior military judgment, that's a really optimum fighting size," General Heckman said. "We've had that re-enforced by some Air Force studies and analyses over the last

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few years, and have a 1996 (General Accounting Office) report that comes to the same conclusion."

Through force reductions the Air Force has made the effort to maintain the balance of the force and optimize the resources in the flying community.

"Over the last 15 years the force structure in the Air Force has gone down quite a bit — a third or more," he said. "As we have done that within the active force, we have taken the number of effectively sized squadrons and we've reduced the number. At the request of the Guard, what we have been doing in the Guard force is keeping the number of squadrons; slicing them down to the point that the average fighter squadron now in the Guard is 15."

"As we go from today, with a reduced force structure, into a future where we expect the fighter force structure to go down another 20 percent, we just can't afford that kind of inefficiency," the general

said. "So what we need to do within the BRAC is to right-size these forces and then put them at the right combination of bases."

The original thought was to close Guard bases that would lose their flying missions; however, the importance of the expeditionary combat support people at these installations changed their thinking, he said.

"These enclaves often deploy independently of the flying unit that happens to be (at that installation)," the general said. "They're part of the starting rotation for our expeditionary force, and, importantly, these forces have important state uses for the governors as well."

"It made more military value sense to leave those expeditionary combat forces in the states where they were, and we'd just shrink the footprint of the installation," he continued. "So we keep the expeditionary support, we right-size the units, and we're also able to turn back the excess infrastructure for local use."

BRAC commissioners are currently reviewing recommendations provided by the Air Force. After an initial cost, the Air Force expects to save about \$14 billion over the next 20 years. If the current BRAC recommendations are approved, the initial investment to move and train all the people and build new infrastructure amounts to \$1.8 billion over six years.

Two components calculate the return on investment — actual cost savings and manpower savings.

"For BRAC purposes, according to the Department of Defense, these are considered BRAC savings," the general said. "It means the dollars you save can be used for other dollar requirements."



Mrs. Landberg

Secretary ends career of 33 years

81st Dental Squadron

Wilma Landberg, secretary to the 81st Dental Squadron commander, ends a federal career of more than 33 years Sept. 30.

Mrs. Landberg recalled she started working at the Gulfport Housing Authority in 1970.

She began her federal career in September 1971 as a clerk typist with the Small Business Administration in Gulfport. In November 1972, she followed her husband, Chuck, to Clark Air Base, Philippines, where she worked as a clerk stenographer and reporter and secretary.

The Landbergs were stationed at George Air Force Base, Calif., in December 1974. She returned to work a month later as a clerk stenographer and reporter, and later, secretary.

She also worked at Lackland AFB and Wilford Hall Medical Center, Texas.

In 1992, four years after Chuck's retirement from the Air Force, the Landbergs moved back to their home state of Mississippi.

Within a month, Mrs. Landberg was working at Keesler as secretary to the 7th Airborne Command and Control Squadron commander. In November, she moved to the medical center and in July 1995 assumed her current position.

Prompt, proper care is goal of medics in Iraq

By Master Sgt. Christopher Haug

332nd Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

BALAD Air Base, Iraq — In battle, one of the hardest challenges is saving the wounded. Medical professionals encounter injuries not normally seen in peacetime, and many times see multiple life-threatening injuries requiring immediate treatment on the battlefield.

Another problem is moving patients across hot desert sands on bumpy roads in Iraq, which can be logistically challenging and uncomfortable for the patient. And there is always the danger of roadside bombs.

Planning efficient evacuations

To solve these problems, military aeromedical planners developed what is now an efficient medical evacuation system that moves patients from where they were injured to definitive care quickly and safely.

Along the way, patients receive the best possible care, said Lt. Col. Jose Soto, chief nurse with the 332nd Contingency Aeromedical Staging Facility.

The initial patient movement is done immediately after an injury is reported. Usually, an Army helicopter flies the injured troop to a field medical clinic.

"Many times what is done within the first hour of injury determines the chances a patient has for survival," said Maj. David Ball, a 791st Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron flight clinical coordinator from Ramstein Air Base, Germany. "Historically, the medical community calls this the 'golden hour,' and we are trying to extend that."

Joint service team

Service members in Iraq rely on a joint medical evacuation system using Army and Air Force medics spread out along the route. Aeromedical evacuation teams escort injured from Army clinics on the battlefield to the Air Force theater hospital here. The patients are stabilized for flight at the hospital, flown to Europe for further care and finally to stateside hospitals.

"The process is so efficient that we literally have been able to move patients within minutes of their injury to the first echelon of care at Army field clinics, and within hours to the Air Force theater hospital here," said Lt. Col. Laurie Hall, chief nurse at the hospital.

"If we are able to stabilize the patient quickly enough, we can even have that patient on their way to more definitive care at Landstuhl (Regional Medical Center, Germany) within 12 hours, sometimes even less than that," Colonel Hall said.

For Army Spc. Brian Scaramuzzo, of the 57th Transportation Company at Taqquadum, Iraq, the care is just "awesome." Scaramuzzo, from Wakefield, Mass., sustained deep cuts in both legs when his 5-ton truck flipped on its side while driving in a convoy from Al Asad, Iraq, to Taqquadum.

"The helicopter was there to pick us up less than 25 minutes after the accident," he said. "They flew us from one helicopter to the next until we reached the (Air Force theater) hospital."

Sometimes stabilizing a patient requires a neurosurgeon to work simultaneously with an orthopedic doctor in the operating room — even while another patient is having surgery in the next bed, Hall said.

Airlifting patients out of the war zone presents



Photo by Senior Airman Tim Beckham
Airman 1st Class Debra Camacho, left, Staff Sgt. Fred Mathis, Tech. Sgt. Marsha Madsen, Senior Airman Bradley Cross and Staff Sgt. Raymond Wrentmore carry Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Lorry Bourque aboard a C-130 Hercules to fly him to Ramstein AB. The Airmen are deployed to Iraq with the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing. At Keesler, Airman Camacho is assigned to the 81st Surgical Operations Squadron, Sergeant Mathis and Airmen Wrentmore to the 81st Medical Support Squadron and Airman Cross to the 81st Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

other challenges, coordinated by people assigned to the contingency aeromedical staging facility here.

Officials at the staging facility coordinate with several medical and aeromedical evacuation elements throughout the world to ensure each patient receives the proper care and movement throughout the theater. They ensure patients are medically and administratively prepared for intertheater flights.

Aboard the aircraft, aeromedical evacuation teams work with aircrews to configure the plane for patient movement and in-flight care. If there's a critically-injured patient, critical care air transport teams join the mix.

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— Major Ball

"These (teams) are dedicated to care for the most critical patients," Colonel Soto said. "The patient, equipment and CCATT are moved directly to the aircraft from the intensive care unit at the Air Force theater hospital. Each team has three members — a doctor, an intensive care nurse and an enlisted respiratory technician."

Sometimes, other critical care providers join the team.

While the process for evacuating patients has progressed over the ages, "never has military medicine been able to save so many as they can now," Major Ball said.

This is because aeromedical evacuation is now lighter, more adaptable and able to use the best available airframe at any particular time and place, according to the Air Force Surgeon General's office.

Lighter, adaptable, portable

During the initial phases of Operation Iraqi Freedom, in an effort to move patients more quickly out of the battlefield and into facilities with definitive care, the Air Force moved away from dedicated airframes, such as the C-9 Nightingale or C-141 Starlifter. The most readily available airframe in the flow began to be used.

The Air Force Medical Service also moved toward lighter, more adaptable aeromedical evacuation equipment such as patient support pallets that could easily be moved from one aircraft to the next. The pallets were built on a standard frame that could fit onto all Air Force cargo and transport aircraft, from the C-130 Hercules to the C-5 Galaxy. Care teams also carry much of their equipment in backpacks.

To find an available aircraft, the Air Force uses a the U.S. Transportation Command Regulating and C2 Evacuation System that came into the aeromedical evacuation inventory just before Sept. 11, 2001. It's administered in theater by the Joint Patient Movement Requirements Center and coordinated with an aeromedical evacuation control team.

This Department of Defense tracking system allows medical planners to decide which patients should fly out on what aircraft, what support equipment is needed and what hospital they should fly to.

As of July 8, Air Mobility Command reports the aeromedical evacuation system has flown more than 27,681 patients out of U.S. Central Command contingency areas into Europe since the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Of these, only 4,982 were classified as battle injuries. About 79 percent of the battle-injured required critical care equipment and transport teams.



Base corrals hazardous household waste items

81st Civil Engineer Squadron

It's time to check those "out of sight, out of mind" storage places at home to round up hazardous chemicals for disposal.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 8, base residents, employees and retirees can bring waste items to the front of the recycling center, Building 4004, just west of the post office on Chappie James Avenue.

The environmental office conducts household hazardous waste collection days twice a year to offer safe disposal of flammable, corrosive, toxic, poisonous, or reactive household products. Most of these items have labels with words like "caution," "warning" or "danger" on them.

Common hazardous items around the house being collected include paints and solvents, lawn care chemicals, household cleaning and maintenance products, pool chemicals, craft and hobby supplies, automotive products, batteries, thermometers, lead solder and fluorescent lights.

Items that aren't accepted include radioactive waste, needles, syringes, medical waste, "white goods" such as stoves and refrigerators, ammunition, explosive materials, business or workplace waste and any containers larger than five gallons.

For more information, call the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron's hazardous waste management office, 377-3004.

KEESLER NOTES

Girl Scout fundraiser

Girl Scout Troop 48 holds yard sale fundraiser, 7 a.m. to noon Saturday at 304 Van Buren Ave. in the West Falcon housing area.

Sod available

Sod is available at the self-help store Tuesday.

For more information, call 377-5397.

Heart Link

The next session of Heart Link is 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Aug. 25 in Room 130, Sablich Center.

Heart Link is an orientation program for spouses with less than five years affiliation with the Air Force.

Limited child care is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register, call the family support center, 377-2179.

Senior NCO seminar

The professional development center hosts a seminar for the newly-selected master sergeants, Monday through Aug. 25 in the Sablich Center auditorium.

Unit first sergeants have response information.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Greg McClain, career assistance advisor, 377-3697.

Brisket sale

The deadline to purchase Top III Association brisket sale fundraiser tickets is Aug. 30.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Tina Shaw, 377-3034.

Chapel anniversary

The Triangle Chapel marks its 34th anniversary this month with these events:

Aug. 27 — banquet, 5:30 p.m., Keesler Club. Cost: \$6 per person. For reservations, call 377-0426.

Aug. 28 — anniversary service, 11:30 a.m., Triangle Chapel.

Chapel openings

Bids are being accepted for several appropriated fund contract positions with the Keesler Chapel.

For more information, statements of work or to bid on any position, call Tracy Harkreader, 377-1835.

Personnel hours

Hours for relocations, re-tirements and separations at

the military personnel flight in Sablich Center:

Appointments only — 8 a.m. to noon Mondays-working Fridays.

Walk-ins — noon to 4 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Shirley Bailey, 377-2244.

Airman's Attic

Airman's Attic, 800 and 802 Rodenberg Avenue in Bay Ridge housing area, accepts furniture, appliances, rugs and carpet, cutlery, dishware, maternity and infant clothing.

Hours are 3-6 p.m. Fridays.

For more information, call 257-9586. To donate large items, call 229-0562.

Zero overpricing

Participation in zero over-

pricing through the IDEA program may entitle submitters to a percentage of the savings.

Submit items through ZOP, to 81SUPS/LGSPQ, Attn: Terry Brandenburg, 377-5794 or FAX 377-9521.

Returning home care

Military members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom are eligible for up to 16 hours of free extended duty child care, per child, in support of their return.

Parents must submit requests to Mary Allgood, family child care coordinator, who schedules the care with a provider.

Unscheduled requests are arranged by phone on a space-available basis.

For more information, call 377-3189 or 5935.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Splish, splash



Photos by Kemberly Groue

Sophia Hurry uses weights as she swims at the main pool on Meadows Drive July 20. The pool hours are changing as the summer draws to an end. Through Sunday, the main pool is open noon to 6 p.m., and the Triangle pool noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. After Sunday, the main pool is closed and the Triangle pool remains open 3-7 p.m. daily. For a complete list of the updated hours, go to the swimming section of Scores and More, Page 28. Mrs. Hurry is the wife of Walter Hurry, 335th Training Squadron.



Swimmers practice their legs kicks.



Swimmers are instructed on the dog paddle.

Family training



Photo by Kimberly Groue

Michael Copeland, left, spars with his son, Caleb, 8, at their home on Meadows Drive Aug. 11. Michael is a manpower instructor with the 335th Training Squadron. Both received their black belts during a recent ceremony at the TKD Plus taekwondo studio in Gulfport. Taekwondo originated in Korea and is used as a martial art for self-defense. It's different from other martial arts in that it requires the use of the legs for both kicking and jumping.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Editor's note: For more information, call Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817.

Hook up to bowling — 1 p.m. Sept. 3 orientation. Class 1-2 p.m. Saturdays beginning Sept. 10 for six weeks. For ages 17 and younger. Cost is \$69. Space is limited.

Winter league registrations — are being accepted now for adults and youth.

Youth bowling discount — 5-9 p.m. Thursdays. Teens bowl four hours for \$5.

Half price for Navy Seebee personnel — Tuesdays.

Summer leagues — registrations accepted for Monday League, Thursday morning seniors, Friday mixed, Sunday Incredibles 9-ball and base intramurals.

Birthday parties — 2-6 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations required.

Family day — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents pay, their children bowl the same game free.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except during Hurricane Alley.

Non-prior service students — show your UBU card and receive discount for open bowling and Hurricane Alley.

Bowl-a-rama — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays bowl two hours for \$8.95. 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays, all-day Sundays, bowl two hours, \$9.95.

Fitness

Editor's note: For more information, call Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

Mini triathlon — 7:30 a.m. Aug. 26. Swimming, cycling and running. For more information, call 377-7858.

Fitness center equipment orientations — 9 a.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Saturdays at Blake; 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Dragon; and 2 p.m. Thursdays at Triangle. No appointment necessary.

Sports physical — pediatric clinic provides physical for stu-

dents. Call TRICARE, 1-800-700-8603.

Blake Fitness Center

Aerobic workout tapes — available for free checkout. For more information, call 377-4409.

Dragon Fitness Center

Computerized fitness assessments and counseling — available by appointment only. Call 377-2907 or 377-4409.

Parent/child fitness room — 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays with workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months-7 years.

Triangle Fitness Center

Squat, dead lift, bench press wall of fame — best lifters in each weight category gets photo on the wall of fame and free T-shirt. Competitions are 5 p.m. working Fridays.

Golf

Editor's note: For more information, call Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832.

Keesler Club annual member tournament — Friday. Shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. \$35 for members and guests, \$45 for non-members. Prizes, free food and beverages.

Senior leadership golf outing — 7 a.m., first Saturday of each month. Cost is \$24, 0-3 and below; \$26, 0-4 and above. Sign up prior to the event. For more information, e-mail randy.coats@keesler.af.mil

Non-prior service student special — \$15 for unlimited rounds each day, including green and cart fees and club rental.

Individual and group lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

Outdoor recreation

Editor's note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 3186.

Pavilions — one air conditioned pavilion and several outside pavilions are available for group get togethers.

Discs for disc golf — available for purchase or rent.

Boat slip rental — boats up to 20 feet, \$50 per month; 20-50 feet,

\$2.50 per foot. Power, water included.

Camping packages available for rent — with sleeping bags, lanterns, camp stoves and tents.

Deep sea fishing trips — 7 a.m. Sundays, down Fridays. \$40.

Dinner cruise — with a choice of days. \$40 per person.

Fishing trips to oil rigs — \$650, maximum six people.

August fishing tournament — weigh the largest red drum at marina and receive a \$100 savings bond.

Pontoon boat training — test and certification is necessary to rent a pontoon boat.

Parties at base pools — for more information, call 377-3568.

Swimming

Bay Breeze pool — closed.

Main pool — through Sunday noon to 6 p.m. Beginning Monday, closed.

Triangle pool — through Sunday, noon to 7 p.m. daily. Lap swimming 11 a.m. to noon. Beginning Monday, 3-7 p.m. daily. Lap swimming 2-3 p.m. Closed Wednesdays.

Youth activities center

Youth sports program — for information on registrations for upcoming programs, call 377-4116.

Instructional classes — taekwondo, ages 5 and older; gymnastics, ages 3 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

Keesler Punt, Pass, Kick competition — 7:30 a.m. to noon, Meadows soccer field. Boys and girls age 8-15 compete to advance to sectional competition. Previous sectional winners have competed in the Superdome during a New Orleans Saints game. For more information and to sign up, e-mail thestanleys@juno.com.

Biloxi Little Leaguers' loss ends bid for World Series appearance

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Zach Mayhew slammed a two-run homer as the Biloxi All-Stars trailed 4-0 in the sixth inning of Saturday's Little League Southwest Regional playoff game against Arkansas, but it just wasn't enough to keep Biloxi from losing, 4-2.

The loss ended Biloxi's hopes of becoming only the second Mississippi team to play in the Little League World Series that starts Friday in Williamsport, Pa.

Louisiana went on to defeat Arkansas in the regional championship game, 4-1, to earn the right to advance to the World Series.

Mayhew is the son of Brett and Anita Mayhew, 81st Training Wing.

Jordan Mata, son of Doug Mata, 81st Training Support Squadron, pitched five innings and gave up five hits, walked five and struck out six in the losing effort.

The Biloxi team finished the regionals at 2-2.

Only one team, from Hattiesburg, has ever advanced to the Little League World Series from Mississippi.

The Little League World Series has been played every year since 1947.

Teams comprised of baseball players under the age of 13 compete all over the world for the right to represent their state, region and country in the series tournament championship.

With the exception of four, every state in the U.S. crowns a champion to

compete in the regionals. (California and Texas send two each; the Dakotas send one to represent both states).

The U.S. championship game is usually played the day before the series' championship game, which pits the American team against the best international team.

This year's title game is Aug. 28.

Senior Airman Lee Smith, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

DIGEST

GRADUATIONS

Senior NCO Academy Class 05-E

81st Communications Squadron — Master Sgt. Andre Bush.
81st Supply Squadron — Senior Master Sgt. Geraldine Bush.
81st Training Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Roger Bloch.
332nd Training Squadron — Master Sgt. Dean Ross.
336th TRS — Master Sgt. Rudolfo Frescas.

HONORS

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Basic electronic principles — Airmen Basic David Bianchini, Cameron Bryant, Nicholas Chase, Jack Cornelis, Jabin Flensburg, Thomas Forte, Flint Gilley, Scott Hopkins, Mathew Huntsman, Khadeja Jackson, Robert Kavanaugh, Mark McKenna, Eric Nolan, Kevin Reilly, Preston Smith, James Spevack, Matthew Whitney and Brian Will; Airmen Nathan Christensen, Matthew Gainer, Justin Henry, Peter Krawitz and Ryan Levo; Airmen 1st Class Daniel Ahlquist, Michael Baba, Benjamin Bagley, Stephen Bowen, Christopher Connolly, Derek Crismond, Jacan Dossett, John Fliszar, Jacob Forster, Edward Goeh, Rebecca Harsh, Robert Holland, Kristina Hyltoft, Christopher Imig, Jacob Ingebritson, Kenith Isreal, Johnny King, Dustin Lee, Dustin Lesniak, Laurel Maples, David Merrill, Vincent Miller, Shawn Moffett, Romer Reiswig, John Wallen and Edmond Williams; Senior Airmen Christopher Ferguson, Jeffery Gonzalez, Kyle Jones and Joshua Robinson; Staff Sgts. Antonio Asuelo, David Baggett, James Davis, Michael Euman, Ciaran Hawbolt, Michael Long, Angelo Munoz, Joshua Schunke, Andrew Walchli and Mark Wasson; Tech. Sgts. Malik Favours and Lawrence Roberts; Master Sgt. Ahmad Latayfeh.

334th TRS

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Tinamarie Arguellez, John Bailey, Justin Bridgman, Justin Caldwell, Brian Childers, Andrew Dickey, Jeffrey Goeden, Andrew Greene, Joshua Mattern and Valerie Reyna; Airmen Michael Arnold, Benjamin Cruzan, Richard Cunningham and Drew Maglio; Airmen 1st Class Taylor Bisenius, Mitchell DeLouche, Cory Dingler, Russell Eilersick, Jesse Petersen and Jonathan Quigg; Senior Airmen Thomas Arthut and Cecil Gilbreath; Staff Sgt. Michael Sullivan; Tech. Sgt. Dale Sickels.

Command post apprentice course — Airmen Basic Crystal Breshears and Tyler Freeman; Airmen 1st Class Stephanie Armstrong, Aaron Heisel, Jeffrey Mnich and Tara Richey; Senior Airman Gary Leonard; Staff Sgts. Christopher Brown, John Cavallero, Ryan Elthe and Meredith Zinni; Tech. Sgts. Diana Bartlett, Zachary Cole, Dale Mathews, Shawn Salsman, Robin Saunders, Eliezer Santiago and Gabriel Valdez.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airman 1st Class Julie Silven; Senior Airman Stephen Otis; Staff Sgts. James Burgess, Heather Halverson, Amy Logsdon, Denver Stack and Kelly Whiteaker; Master Sgt. Georgina Capulong.

Personnel apprentice course — Airmen Basic Alyssa Bailey, Jerome Lilly, Erica Nihiser and Erica Olerud; Airmen Lindsey Hester, Allison Holmstrom and Jesus Mendez; Airmen 1st Class Amanda Acrea, Elissa Garman, Kenneth Gordon, Charles Ito and Whitney Rogers; Senior Airmen Louie Almanza, Brandon Keel, Catherine Roberts and Samantha Taylor; Staff Sgts. Bryan Adams, Patrick Crumby and Diane Dill; Tech. Sgt. Heather Powell; Curtis Cline.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Nicholas Broome, Sara Fishback, Derek Myers, Eric Poynter, Lauren Snyder, Leslie Woodruff and Matthew Yore; Airmen Kyle Gossen, Scott Jenkins and Michael Lacey; Airmen 1st Class Christopher Bieber, Ustem Nu, Zachariah Ritsema and Ashley Whalum; Navy Airmen Neval Hoskins, Maria Richardson and Nicole Spriggs; Staff Sgt. Luisaly Meyer; Marine Sgt. Mike Bennett; Tech. Sgts. William Acevedo, Joseph Dailey, John Endzelis, James Everhart, John McDaniel, William Stones, Timothy Tackett and Thomas Young; Master Sgts Laszlo Balazs and David White; Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Lee Brittle.

336th TRS

Information management apprentice course — Airman Basic Vanessa Dwyer; Airmen 1st Class William Alcedo, David Dorr and Marc Hogenbirk; Staff Sgts. Debra Bey and Tasha Nero; Cynthia Stepp.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Student family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl. For more information, call 396-5274.

Biloxi Ward — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, 14928 Big Ridge Road, North Biloxi. For more information, call 435-9506.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.
Larcher Chapel praise and worship service.....11:15 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....11:30 a.m.

Sunday religious education

Sept. 11 through May.....10 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Volunteer teachers and assistants needed. For more information, call 377-2520.

Prayer service for peace — noon Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-4861.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Medical Center Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 8 a.m.
Medical Center Chapel.....8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....10 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Medical Center Chapel.....11:15 a.m.
Fishbowl.....Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....8:30 a.m.
Classes for pre-kindergarten through high school held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. A mandatory parents' meeting is 8:30 a.m. Sunday in the same location. To register children or for more information, call Kristopher Ryals, 377-4625.

Tagalog worship

5:30 p.m. Wednesdays, rosary; 5:45 p.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help novena; 6 p.m. Mass, Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2090 Pass Road, Biloxi. For more information, call 388-3887.

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jummah congregational prayer, noon Friday.
For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Orthodox

Holy Trinity Church (Greek Orthodox) — 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 388-6138.

St. Mary's Church (Eastern Orthodox) — 3224 D Ave., Gulfport. For more information, call 864-1568.

Jewish

Beth Israel Synagogue — 1946 Southern Avenue, Biloxi. Services 8 p.m. Fridays; an Oneg Shabbat follows each service. For more information, call 388-5574 or visit cbibiloxi@juno.com.

PROMOTIONS

2005 Air Force Personnel Center boards

Through Aug. 26 — command screening.

Sept. 12-23 — colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

Sept. 26-30 — special selection.

Oct. 4-6 — blocked.

Oct. 11-21 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

Oct. 25-27 — Air National Guard colonel, second session.

Nov. 14-18 — colonel, lieutenant colonel and major MC, DC.

Dec. 5-16 — major line, CHAP, JAG, BSC, MSC.

TRICARE

Beneficiary services — active duty and dependents enroll at Keesler Medical Center, Room 4B-107, 377-9962. To enroll in TRICARE Prime, retirees and their dependents call 1-800-444-5445 or visit the TRICARE Service Center, 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650.

Claims services — 1-800-403-3950.

"Urgent" after hours primary care manager access — 1-877-794-4629.

Health benefits/beneficiary counseling, debt collection assistance — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. Ms. James is in Room 4B-106 and Ms. Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

Education center for women — in women's health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women's health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and multimedia computer connected to the Internet are available for personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

Keesler Medical Center clinic hours — family practice, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday; pediatric clinic, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

On the Web — Keesler Medical Center's Web site is <http://www.keesler.af.mil/81mdg>. For TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For Region South information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>.

TRICARE Service Center — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 05-F — graduation Sept. 20.

First Term Airmen Center

Class 05-18 — Aug. 29-Sept. 8.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 05-6 — graduation Sept. 8.

Chapel

Beth Moore's Beloved Disciple women's Bible Study — 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Volunteer child supervisors needed. For more information, call Bonnie Nikolaus, 818,9412, or e-mail bbnik@hotmail.com.

Book of Romans adult Bible study — 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call Chaplain (1st Lt.) Winston Jones, 377-2761.

Keesler Medical Center

Shaving clinic — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Allergy/immunization clinic — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.

International travel clinic — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

McBride Library

Back to school orientations — 6 p.m. Aug. 31, commanders, first sergeants and instructors.

Library services — free Internet use. Copies 10 cents a page; copy machines 5 cents a page. Fax first page \$3, each additional page \$2. Local and incoming faxes, 50 cents a page.

Orientations/volunteer work — for more information, call 377-2181.

Arts and crafts center

One-stroke beginner painting — 1-3 p.m. Saturday; \$40 including most supplies.

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Beading — Aug. 27; call for times. Free instruction; beading kit \$20.

Free scrapbook club — 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Ceramic painting technique — ongoing signups; minimum five students. For more information, call 377-2821.

Advanced matting — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 26. \$15 including supplies; beginner class is prerequisite.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Friday. \$15 including supplies and tool use; maximum three students.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. \$20 including supplies and tool use; maximum three students.

Auto shop — air conditioning checks available.

Multi-craft shop — closes 5 p.m. Tuesdays in August.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Transition assistance three-day workshop — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 12-14, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 7-9 and Dec. 5-7, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Retirement and veterans briefing — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.

Pre-separation counseling — required by law for individuals leaving the military no less than 90 calendar days before separation or retirement date. Individuals with orders can attend the briefing on Thursdays in Room 130, Sablich Center, excluding the week of the transition assistance program workshop, at 1 p.m. for those separating or 2:30 p.m. for those who are retiring. Bring a copy of orders to the session.

PALACE Chase information briefings — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.

Employment assistance

National Reconnaissance Office — advanced education opportunities offered through the fiscal 2006 Air Force Institute of Technology program. Twenty-three positions are offered to meet the NRO's advanced academic degree needs starting in fall 2006; extremely competitive process for exceptional personnel. The NRO directly supports the undersecretary of the Air Force (space) and is a 100-percent selectively manned unit. After the degree is earned in the allotted time, candidates complete a four-year follow-on assignment in NRO space acquisition or operations. Most assignments in Washington, D.C., area. Applicants must meet AFIT eligibility requirements for academic average and Graduate Record Exam scores. Most personnel selected are non-rated captains and lieutenants. For more information and application requirements, call 1st Lt. Hanna Chang, 377-7018.

Employment assistance

Employment Network Center — 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 a.m. working Fridays, Room 126, Sablich Center. National and local job search information and Internet computer access for active-duty and military family members, free e-mail service, fax service and computers and laser printers to complete resumes and federal job applications. For more information, visit Room 126, Sablich Center, or call 377-8593 or 8592.

Computer use

Government computers — commanders may authorize their use for the preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an "as available" basis as long as use of the equipment for the purpose doesn't adversely affect the mission.

Transition employment opportunities public folder — go to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Keesler Community Center

Youth and adult guitar lessons — half-hour lessons, 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$55 per month. For appointment, call 377-3308.

Weight Watchers — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.

Coloring contest — pick up coloring activity sheet; submit entries by 4 p.m. Friday.

Vandenberg Community Center

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.
Nine-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.
Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.
CyberSport — Internet gaming 3-10 p.m. Mondays-
Thursdays. For information on weekend hours and free lessons, call 377-4519.

Late night dance and DJ — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays; \$3. People with birthdays in August show their identification card and get in free third Friday of the month.

Youth activities center

Annual membership — now available for ages 6 and older offers discounted prices for programs, classes and sports.

Teen zone — 6:30-10 p.m. Fridays, ages 13-17; \$4 members, \$5 nonmembers.

Recreation night — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12; \$4 members, \$5 nonmembers.

Game room tournaments — 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

Dance class — Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 3 and older; call for times. \$30 a month members, \$35 nonmembers.

Tae kwon do — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, ages 6 and older. \$30 a month members, \$35 nonmembers.

Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older; call for times. \$30 a month members, \$35 nonmembers.

Above-and-beyond tutoring — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, kindergarten through grade 12. Volunteer tutors needed.

Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

Smart girls — 4 p.m. Thursdays, ages 9-12; 5 p.m. ages 13-17.

Passport to manhood — 4 p.m. Wednesdays, ages 9-12; 5 p.m., ages 13-17.

4-H Clubs — 5 p.m. Wednesdays, ages 9 and older.

Keesler Club

Lunch buffet — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays, except holidays. Taco bar Mondays, ribs Tuesday, ethnic Wednesdays, catfish the last working day of each week. Daily specials also available.

Wednesday special — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, free wings and things for club members; \$3 nonmembers. Drink specials and progressive pot cash giveaway for members.

Enlisted Warrior Lounge

Hot dogs — \$1 Mondays through Saturdays.

Pinocle (all ranks) — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Eight- and nine-ball pool tournaments — 6 p.m. Thursdays.

Karaoke night — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays.

Rhythm and blues night — 9 p.m. Saturdays.

Urban nights — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

Snack and drink specials — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Progressive pot cash giveaway Wednesdays for members.

TICKETS AND TRAVEL

New Orleans Saints football in the Superdome — \$45 per person. Aug. 26, Baltimore Ravens; sign up by Tuesday.

VOLUNTEERS

Editor's note: Included are base organizations, events, training orientation and other information for volunteers. For more information on opportunities in the surrounding communities, call Jackie Pope, 377-8590.

24th annual Biloxi Seafood Festival — Sept. 10-11, Point Cadet Plaza. Various shifts available; volunteer who work a full shift receive free refreshments and meal, plus 50 percent off Biloxi Chamber of Commerce merchandise. For more information, call Capt. Sandra Gallardo, 377-6949, or e-mail sandra.gallardo@keesler.af.mil.

Mississippi Coastal Cleanup — Sept. 17 in conjunction with the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup. Keesler volunteers clean shoreline areas along Biloxi Back Bay and one of the bay's small islands. Register by Sept. 2 by calling James Morrison, 377-5800 or e-mail james.morrison@keesler.af.mil.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Shirona Gilchrist, 377-4477.

American RedCross-Keesler Station — disaster services volunteers for hurricane season and year-round. Free training provided; all skill levels accepted. For more information, call 896-4511.

Chapel — for more information, call 377-2520.

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DINING FACILITIES MENUS

Today

Lunch — roast pork loin, cornbread, jaegerschnitzel veal with mushroom sauce, glazed cornish hen, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — herbed baked chicken, cornbread, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, blackeyed peas with rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Friday

Lunch — lasagna, spaghetti and meat sauce, Italian sweet sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, pasta salad, three-bean salad, cornbread, clam chowder, vegetable soup, chicken chili, corn O'Brien, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, garlic toast, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, garlic toast, steamed rice, gravy, corn on the cob, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Dinner — fish almondine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Lunch — crispy baked chicken, cajun meatloaf, ribeye steak, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, French peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Sunday

Dinner — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Lunch — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken breast filet mignon, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — roast turkey, baked ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, cornbread, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, succotash, tempura vegetables, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — baked chicken, garlic toast, Swiss steak, baked Italian sausage, peppers and onions, mashed potatoes, rice, gravy, broccoli polonaise, carrots, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Tuesday

Lunch — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Dinner — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs.

Wednesday

Lunch — fried chicken, cajun baked fish, jalapeno cornbread, barbecue ribs, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn on the cob, okra and tomato gumbo, fried cabbage, cole slaw, garden cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — Caribbean jerk chicken, jalapeno cornbread, beef porcupines, chicken enchiladas, scalloped potatoes, rice, gravy, corn, peas, baked beans, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, 435-6270.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Family support center — for more information, visit the center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or call 377-2209 or 4293. Free child care available.

Fisher House — for more information, call Larry Vetter, 377-8264.

Girl Scouts — for more information, call Beverly Brooks, 864-7215, or Cindy Callahan, 388-7757.

High school students — dependents of active-duty people who want to earn money toward college by volunteering, call Jeri Peterson, 377-3349.

Honor guard — for more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.

International military student office — for more information, call 377-4228.

McBride Library — for more information, call Bill Province or Tonia Day, 377-2181 or 2604.

Medical center — for more information, call Emily Shelton, 377-1444.

Retirees activities office — for more information, call 377-3871 or 7309.

MEETINGS

Recurring

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

Air Force Association, Chapter 332 — 11:30 a.m. second Wednesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call or email Kirt Quist, 326-4775, kirt@financialgroupusa.com, or e-mail Paul Deitke, pdeitke@member.afa.org.

Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 652 — 11 a.m. third Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-9444.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month. For location and more information, call Timlie Reis, 396-5872.

Alcoholics Anonymous — 8 p.m. Thursdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 396-0823.

Amateur radio club — 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, second floor, Hangar 3, next to the Civil Air Patrol. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brad Godwin, 377-0341 or 875-3223, or Staff Sgt. Tony Tran, 377-1200 or 396-4547.

American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670 — 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Helene Almond, 377-6850 or 4518.

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Committee — 3 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. John Dianala, 377-6154, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

AWANA — 4-6 p.m. Sundays August through May at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets, for preschool through high school students. Directors and leaders needed. For more information, call Tasarla Shaw, 377-2520, or e-mail tasarla.shaw@keesler.af.mil

Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Flo Clay, 377-8681.

Boy Scout Troop 253 — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Building 0007, Thrower Park. For more information, go to <http://www.geocities.com/biloxi253/> or call Louie Fontes, 377-1519 or 392-0646.

Breast cancer support group — 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, general surgery clinic. For more information, call 377-3454.

Breastfeeding support group — for more information, call Jodi Qualters, 872-9190.

Cancer support group — 6 p.m. second Tuesday each month, medical procedures clinic lounge. For more information, call 377-6588.

Chapel ropes — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fishbowl Student Center. For more information, call 377-2331.

Charismatic intercessory prayer service — 5:15-6 p.m. Wednesdays at former chapel at corner of H and 2nd streets.

Christian men's fellowship luncheon — noon Tuesdays, Triangle Chapel. Bring lunch. For more information, call 377-2520.

Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Company grade officers council — 4 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Capt. Brannin Klausman, 377-4045, or Jeffrey Burns, 377-0663, or visit <https://www.mil.keesler.af.mil/CGOC/index.htm>.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Cub Scout Pack 281 — 6:30 p.m. first, second and fourth Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 1st Lt. Garon Shelton, 377-2046; Norma Cusanek, 432-3160, or Chad Taylor, 594-0877.

Disciples of Christ Teen Connection — 6:30-8 p.m. Sundays and 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Jeremy Allen, 377-2520, or dwarfeddudeofGod@hotmail.com.

Dorm council — 7 a.m. first Wednesday of each month, Live Oak dining facility. For more information, call 377-6158 or 6680.

Girl Scout Troop 148 — 6 p.m. Mondays, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call Kimberly Ramirez, 374-7426.

Hispanic Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 424-7036.

Hispanic Employment Committee — 4 p.m. second Wednesday of each month, family child care building, Thrower Park. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 424-7036.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, September through May, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Gina Kirkman, 374-9544.

Keesler Officers Spouses Club — open to spouses of any active-duty, retired, or deployed officer of any armed force. Social events usually second Tuesday of each month. KOSC volunteers run the Keesler Thrift Shop Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to benefit charitable causes. For more information, call Valerie Brown, membership, 497-4939; Ashley Peebles, welcome and farewell, 435-8810, or Keesler Thrift Shop, 377-3217.

Keesler Riders Association — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Keesler Community Center, for motorcyclists. For more information, call Gerald Gardner, 377-2386, or Tech. Sgt. Joanna Ball, 377-2430 or 2432.

Medical center officers spouses club — for more information, call Stephanie Ritter, 374-2464, or Belinda Manuel, 432-7734.

Multiples support group — For more information, call Sue Burleson, 865-1375.

Order of Daedalians — 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month, Daedalian Room, Keesler Club.

Play group — 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, youth activities center, infants through 4 years. For more information, call 377-7006.

Prayer warriors network — 6 a.m. Mondays, Triangle Chapel.

Protestant youth group — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Jeremy Allen, 377-2520.

Retired Enlisted Association, Magnolia Chapter — 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Durrell Edwards, 377-2520.

Toastmasters — noon Tuesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Capt. Ronnie Michael, 377-7395; or Michael Bayne, 872-9359.

Top III Association — 2 p.m. first working Friday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Damian Orslen, 377-9464; Master Sgt. Stephen Marrotte, 377-2052; Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, 377-5752; Master Sgt. Rudolfo Frescas, 377-2142; or Master Sgt. Richard Phillips, 377-5249.

Weight Watchers — Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. Weigh-in starts at 5:15 p.m., meeting at 5:45. For more information, call Debbie Wilson, 831-8772, or e-mail debbie_weightwatchers@yahoo.com

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

Friday — 7 p.m., Dark Water (PG-13).

Saturday — 2 p.m., Rebound (PG); 7 p.m., Fantastic Four (PG-13).

Sunday — 2 p.m., High Tension (R).

SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays

| Minutes after hour | Bus stop |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| :00 | :30 332nd TRS, Building 6955 |
| :01 | :31 338th TRS, Building 6965 |
| :02 | :32 Welch Auditorium |
| :04 | :34 Smith Manor |
| :07 | :37 Cody, Dolan and Thomson Hall |
| :08 | :38 Supply |
| :09 | :39 Shoppette |
| :10 | :40 Shaw House |
| :11 | :41 Main exchange |
| :12 | :42 McBride Library |
| :13 | :43 Medical center, Tyer House |
| :14 | :44 Sablich Center |
| :15 | :45 Dental clinic |
| :16 | :46 Allee and Wolfe Halls |
| :17 | :47 Base operations |
| :18 | :48 Hangar 4 |
| :19 | :49 Thomson Hall |

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. off-Fridays, weekends, holidays

| Minutes after hour | Bus stop |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| :00 | :30 332nd TRS, Building 6955 |
| :02 | :32 Shoppette |
| :04 | :34 White Avenue Gate |
| :05 | :35 Shaw House |
| :06 | :36 Main exchange |
| :07 | :37 Keesler Federal Credit Union |
| :08 | :38 Medical center, Tyer House |
| :09 | :39 Sablich Center |
| :10 | :40 Dental clinic |
| :13 | :43 Marina park |
| :14 | :44 Bay Breeze Golf Course |
| :15 | :45 Pass Road Gate |
| :17 | :47 Welch Auditorium |
| :18 | :48 338th TRS, Building 6965 |

Technical training route 5:10-5:30 a.m. weekdays

| Minutes after hour | Bus stop |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| :10 | Shaw House |
| :12 | Muse Manor |
| As required | Tyer House |
| :14 | TLQ east side 2000 block |
| :16 | TLQ east side of Locker House |
| :17 | 332nd TRS |
| :18 | 335th TRS |
| :20 | Welch Auditorium |
| :26 | Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls |
| :27 | McClelland Hall |
| :28 | Allee/Wolfe Halls |
| :30 | Stennis Hall/Weather |

Prior-service students lodged off-base

Allow four-minute window for times; lobby area pickup.

To Keesler via Highway 90: 5:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m., Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn; 5:18 a.m. and 1:28 p.m., Howard Johnson Express and Best Western Swan; 5:21 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Ramada Limited; 5:25 a.m., Edgewater Inn; 5:32 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., Biloxi Beachfront and Holiday Inn Express.

To Keesler from north of base: 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Martinique; 5:01 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., South Palm Villas; 5:06-5:10 a.m. and 1:10-1:16 p.m., Ocean Springs Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn; 5:11-5:16 a.m. and 1:20-1:31 p.m., Ocean Springs Country Inn and Suites, Ramada Limited, Best Western and Comfort Inn; 5:18-5:22 a.m. and 1:41-1:47 p.m., D'Iberville Wingate Inn, Quality Inn and Travelodge; 5:25-5:35 a.m. and 1:53-1:56 p.m., D'Iberville Howard Johnson and Suburban Lodge.

Back to off-base lodging: 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard halls; 3:33, 4:33 and 6:18 p.m., Thomson Hall stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan halls; 3:36, 4:36 and 6:21 p.m., McClelland Hall; 3:38, 4:38 and 6:23 p.m., behind Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather building and Allee, Wolfe and Stennis halls; 3:41, 4:41 and 6:26 p.m., stop between base exchange and McBride Library.

Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.